

Persistence Is a Good Wheel Horse But if He Has Not Sufficient Intelligence to Keep the Road He Might as Well Be a Quitter

ALLIES CAPTURE  
MONTDIDIER IN  
APEX OF SALIENTSupplies and Thousands of  
Prisoners Left Behind

## MAY CUT OFF RETREAT

Town is Now Dominated by Artillery  
And Retirement Is Difficult—German  
Forces Cannot Help Each Other

London, Aug. 10.—Montdidier, apex of the German salient in France, the whole front of which is now imperilled by the allied advance, fell to the French this afternoon. The city was enveloped from the north and southeast by the French, whose constantly increasing pressure forced the Germans to vacate the city. So hasty was their evacuation that immense quantities of supplies and thousands of prisoners were left behind.

East of Montdidier the Allies have closed in on Chaumes, French outposts having reached that city, according to latest reports. The railroad junction south of that town is now dominated by allied artillery and if Chaumes falls the German army under Gen. von Hutier will be compelled to undertake the long march over wagon roads toward Noyon.

These roads, the only avenues of escape, are under the French fire from the south, and it would not be in the least surprising should the retreat of the Germans be cut off.

Once again the Americans are participating in the fighting, this time giving aid to the British in the battle between the Aisne and the Somme. These American troops have been engaged with the British Reports from the front show that they have given an excellent account of themselves and have participated in the capture of several important positions, towns and villages.

The Americans assisted the British in the capture of Morlaucourt and the heights to the southeast and also Chipilly Spur, where the fighting was intense. The American machine gunners and infantry went into battle with their traditional enthusiasm.

They met the Germans and defeated them here just as they did along the Marne. At places stiff resistance developed, but all along the line the Americans, British and French smashed through the harassed enemy who was trying to hold up their advance.

The Germans are streaming Berlinward from all that part of their front between the Somme and the Oise rivers, pounded at every step by British and French artillery and hampered by tanks, airplanes and infantry. The German forces in Flanders under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, which could be used as a reserve to stop the Picardy backwash, if the German higher command had only one instead of three allied offensives to contend with, are extremely busy trying to hold the British and Americans in check north of the Somme and in the old Lys battlefields.

As it is, each of the imperiled German armies must shift for itself, with

out help from the others, and that this is a problem for which the German higher command has no solution is indicated by a retreat that now extends over practically the whole of the front from Ypres to Soissons. In the allied capitals the feeling of expectancy is at the highest pitch and there would be no surprise should the retreat degenerate into a rout almost at any minute.

London, Aug. 12.—The French have advanced nearer the important point of Roye from the southwest by the capture of Armancourt and Tilloy villages, Field Marshal L. Haig announced today.

With Americans in France, Sunday, two German airplanes were brought down by the Americans in the Toul sector during the last twenty-four hours. A third machine is believed to have been brought down, but official confirmation is lacking.

Paris, Aug. 12.—There was no marked change in the situation during the night, says today's war office statement. There was artillery fighting southwest of Roye.

OPERATIONS ON  
ITALIAN FRONT

British Carried Out Eight Simultaneous Raids into Austrian Defenses  
Capturing Prisoners and Guns

London, Friday, Aug. 9.—An official statement on British operations on the Italian front issued today said:

"Thursday night our divisions carried out eight simultaneous raids into the Austrian defense systems between Asiago and Canove. The operation was successful despite vigorous enemy opposition. The enemy suffered heavy casualties and 315 prisoners, six machine guns, three trench mortars, a searchlight and five pack mules were captured. Our casualties were light.

"Airmen brought down 11 hostile machines and one balloon."

## LETTERS ARRIVE

Received in Atlantic Ports Since July 29 and Sent on Their Way Within 24 Hours.

Washington, Aug. 10.—More than seven million letters from American soldiers in France have been received at Atlantic ports since July 29, and the postoffice department announced yesterday that every one of them had started for its destination within twenty-four hours after its arrival. One ship brought 2,823,000 letters and another 300,000 on Aug. 2, and a ship arriving Aug. 5 brought 2,031,000. Of all this mail, the department said, 80 per cent was sorted as to railroad routes in this country before it left France.

7,000,000 SOLDIER  
2,000 MILE AIR FLIGHT

Officers With Mechanics Fly From England to Egypt.

London, Aug. 10.—Two Royal Air Force officers, with two mechanics, have completed a flight from England to Egypt, a distance of 2,000 miles, in a type of airplane that has seen considerable service on the front.

The official report, announcing this feat, says: "One or two halts were made for petrol, but the flight was merely a bit of routine work."

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday except showers Tuesday in extreme portion.

ALLIES CAPTURE  
CHAUMES, VERY  
IMPORTANT TOWNHuns Stiffen Their Resist-  
ance to No Avail

## 36,000 HUN PRISONERS

Germans Burn Supplies Behind  
Lines—Intensive Air Fighting Is  
Proceeding Over Battle Line.

London, Aug. 11.—Chaumes, the important railway town in the heart of the Somme battle front and the key to the southern line of the German salient, has been captured by the allies. The capture was effected by Australian and Canadian troops.

The Germans have materially stiffened their defense against the British, American and French troops on the Picardy battle front, but they have been unable to stem the tide of advance against them.

Although the forward push of the allies has been slowed down somewhat, nevertheless they have made important progress from the north of the Somme, where the Americans and British are fighting together, to the northern bank of the Oise river, where the French troops are engaging the enemy.

The Americans and their British brothers in arms at last accounts were pressing closely upon Bray-Sur-Somme, aided by tanks and armored cars, which inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy as he endeavored to retard their progress.

Across the Germans engaged British troops at Lihons and at one point pierced the British line and dented it on the outskirts of Lihons. A counter attack, however, entirely restored the British line and the enemy retired to a position north and east of Volga.

By far the greater progress has been made by the French in the region southwest and south of Roye to the Oise river. Here they have driven their line well across the Roye and Champagne road and at Cambrene have reached the road leading from Compiègne to Noyon. Since the capture of Montdidier, the French have penetrated about seven miles, and to Canny-Sur-Matz, more than eight and a half miles, and through the hilly region southward to the Oise river have averaged gains of about six miles over a front of twelve miles.

The stiffening of the German defense does not, in the minds of observers on the battle front, indicate that the retreat of the enemy has ended. Rather it is assumed that those maneuvers are similar to those carried out over the Marne front, when strong rear guards covered the retirement of the crown prince's armies northward.

The smoke of large fires continues to be seen far behind the enemy's lines and the movement of long transport columns eastward is considered evidence that it is the intention of the enemy ultimately to retreat to new lines of defense. Aviators have destroyed all the bridges across the Somme from the region of Peronne southward and with the enemy's communication lines either in the hands of the allies or dominated by their guns the movement necessarily must be slow. Strong guard actions are required to save large numbers of men and guns and enormous quantities of stores from capture. The allied troops are gradually encircling Roye and its capture, which seems imminent, will greatly hasten the difficulties of the Germans in falling back.

Intensive air fighting is proceeding over the battle line. In Friday's battles thirty-nine German machines were destroyed and twenty-two driven down out of control. The British war office announced that twenty-three machines are missing. Unofficial estimates bring the number of prisoners taken by the allies up to 36,000 and the number of guns captured to more than 500.

On the Vesle front the Germans on the northern side of the stream are reported to be entrenching and stringing barbed wire over the territory where they are fighting.

Paris, July 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Acres and acres of gardens located near the American base hospitals are now bringing forth their harvests of vegetables. All were cultivated by American wounded, convalescents, who attended to the growing of the produce.

Not alone has the venture been one of great economy for the hospitals. The work of cultivation has been done upon the prescriptions of the medical surgeons so that a double purpose is accomplished. The garden work provides relaxation for the men after their strenuous times on the battlefield and their painful anxiety in the hospital wards. The diversion acts as a recreative agency in bringing back the men to normal mental and physical state.

The gardens are worked entirely by convalescents. Not a single dollar has been spent for hired labor. The army has undertaken a comprehensive plan of army provisioning along these lines. The American Red Cross also is cooperating in the establishment of smaller plots in the centers where convalescents are sent.

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## PETER LONGTIN CLEARED

Case Growing Out of Club Raid Is  
Not Pressed.

State's Attorney Frank C. Archibald this forenoon not pressed the case against Peter Longtin which developed out of the raid of the Bennington clubs on the night of July 6. The portion of a barrel of whiskey and a case of beer found at the Longtin home were ordered returned. Collins M. Graves appeared for Mr. Longtin.

The cases against Walter D. Plumb, steward of the Bennington club and George E. Donnelly, chairman of the Elks house committee, were continued two weeks.

## ROW AT CHICKENCOOP INN

John Farley Badly Battered in  
Saturday Night Mixup.

Deputy Sheriff Richard Hurley Sunday accompanied Deputy Sheriff Albert Kipp of the state line to Arlington to investigate the case of John Farley, a sawdust on the Plunkett-Webster lumber job who apparently received the worst of a lively argument at the resort known as the Chickencoop Inn in the town of Hoosick.

The officers found Farley at the home of Eugene Sargood. The sawdust's head looked as though it had come in contact with some of the mechanisms which he has been accustomed to keep in repair. He was able to sit up, a fact that refuted some of the wild rumors that had been in circulation in the village.

## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told  
Briefly for Busy Readers.

Miss Julia LaMarre is ill.

Mrs. A. R. VonDette of Imperial avenue, is ill.

Miss Mary McGuire of South street is in Troy for the week.

Aaron Covey, Jr., of Union street is confined to the house by illness.

Rev. Joseph Lyman of Orono, Me., officiated at the Old First church Sunday.

Maurice P. Nabor of Pittsburg, Pa., visited briefly in town over Sunday.

Miss Clara Kohn of New York is the guest of her brother, Meyer Kohn of School street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maurer and guest, Miss Harriet Smith of Yonkers spent Sunday in Rutland.

Fred Morse of the Vermont Garage went to White River Junction Sunday with Company A, and will spend the week in that city.

A. R. VonDette and sisters, Misses Olena and Dannie were in Rutland Sunday. Miss Olena VonDette remained for an extended visit.

Charles F. Sears of Petersburg, Fla., who has been visiting in Old Bennington, left this morning for a few days' visiting Rockland, Mass.

Prof. Richard S. Bahian presided at the organ in the Old Baptist church Sunday morning. He left in the afternoon for his home in Cleveland.

Ernest Dragon has resigned as bell boy at the Putnam House and has accepted employment in the office of the Black Cat Textiles company.

Misses Nan and Viola Dragon, Alexander Dragon, Jr., and Hillard Best of Albany motored to Pittsfield, Sunday. They also visited in North Ad.

Miss Florence Dunham, clerk in the suit and dress department of the No-neck store, is spending a two weeks vacation with friends in Lakewood, N. J.

Miss Lucy Shires, who has been spending a week at the home of her brother W. D. Plumb in the western part of the town, returned to her home in Troy Saturday.

Frank Dunham, paymaster of the U. S. S. Yscona, who has been visiting friends and relatives in town and vicinity for several days, returned to New York this morning.

Ward L. Lyons accompanied Company A, to White River Junction Sunday where the company will be in camp for the week. Mr. Lyons will return today.

William H. Shea received his call Saturday to report at Pelham Bay Monday, the 19th. Mr. Shea enlisted a number of weeks ago as musician in the naval reserve.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Bates of the Wallomano Inn, who has been seriously ill, will be pleased to learn that she was able to be up around Sunday.

About all the members of Company A were at the company's barracks, Liberty hall, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. They left in autos for White River Junction, where they will be in camp for the week.

Mrs. E. W. Bradford, Mrs. C. W. Thatcher, Mrs. E. D. Bennett and Miss Hattie S. Welling of North Bennington motored to Stockbridge today where they took dinner at the Red Lion Inn.

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MANY FEATURES  
OF NEW TAX BILL  
ARE NOW SETTLEDFinal Stages of Work Will Be  
Reached Soon

## LUXURY TAX ADOPTED

Doubles Tax on Corporation Capital—  
Levies 10 Per Cent. on All Jewelry  
—Tax on Clothing.

Washington, Aug. 9.—A luxury tax schedule was adopted, an official tax advisory board for the treasury created, the tax on corporation capital stock doubled to produce an additional \$3,000,000 and a provision accepted making Liberty bonds security for all government contracts by the House ways and means committee today in framing the eight billion revenue bill. The committee adjourned late today until Monday when it will enter on the final stages of its task.

The luxury proposal accepted by the full committee, was submitted by a sub-committee, comprising Senator Hull, Tennessee; Helvering, Kansas, and Moore, Pennsylvania, in a supplemental and final report. It levies 10 per cent tax on all jewelry, to be paid by the manufacturer, producer or importer. Covering approximately 1,200 items of jewelry it supplants the present tax on manufacturer, producer or importer. The 10 per cent tax is also to be levied on such articles as art objects, pianos and pipe organs, furs, cash registers, typewriters, photographs and tapestry.

In view of the wide public demand for a tax on the price paid for certain articles, not deemed luxuries by reason of their nature, above a certain price, the sub-committee proposed and the full committee accepted a limited number of other groups of such articles, with suggested basic prices paid for them by the consumer, above which a 20 per cent tax is to be assessed "against the seller to the consumer or user or to a person not re-sale."

This second group and the amount excess over which will be taxed as follows:

Men's and young men's suits or overcoats \$50; men's and women's hats, bonnets and hoods \$25; women's and misses' dresses \$40; women's and misses' suits, cloaks and coats, old all over \$60; boots, shoes, pumps and slippers for women, women and children \$10; men's and boys' hats \$5; men's and boys' caps \$2; picture frames \$10; fans \$1; men's waistcoats sold distinct from suits \$5; silk underclothing and hosiery, pure and mixed \$10; men's and boys' neckwear \$2; trunks \$50; valises, traveling bags, suitcases and hat boxes \$25; ladies' purses, pocket-books, shopping and handbags \$7.50; carpets and rugs, paravans and sunshades \$40; men's fiber, \$5 per square yard; umbrellas, shirts \$3; house or smoking jackets and bathrobes \$10.

The luxury schedule provides that articles taxed under one of these groups shall not be taxed under the other group.

The tax advisory board will consist of five members and the board will continue during the war and for one year afterward. The president is to appoint all the members with the advice of the Senate. Their function will be to review and consider all matters submitted to them by the internal revenue commissioner as to interpretation and administration of the internal tax laws.

## "WOMAN AND THE LAW"

Photo-Melodrama Brings Up Question  
of Right to Kill.

"Woman and the Law," the William Fox photo-melodrama based on the internationally sensational De Santilles domestic tragedy in New York City, will be shown at the Harte Theatre tomorrow.

This picture is the culmination of the discussion begun when a New York society woman killed the man who sought to deprive her of her child. R. A. Walsh, renowned for the production of "Carmen," "Regeneration" and "The Honor System" directed it, and the picture was turned out with the usual Fox disregard of any expense that would add to its effectiveness.

The man has married a beautiful South American heiress, taken her to New York and a child has been born to them. Then he neglects her for the brilliance of Broadway beauties, till she is forced to obtain a divorce. He takes her child, and driven mad by losing her little one, she kills him. Then a jury is forced to decide the question which has perplexed mankind for centuries: Are there provocations which justify a woman to kill? Adv.

## CAPTURED DOCTOR AID

They Do Good Service in Caring for  
Wounded.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 10.—The present battle has brought more German wounded to the allied casualty clearing stations than there are wounded among the allied soldiers. Many German doctors and hospital attendants have been captured and they are doing good service in aiding the wounded.

Since July 18 the Germans have lost almost as much material as they captured in their big offensives earlier in the year.

## WHITE PAPER HARD TO GET

Evening Banner Forced to Print a  
Small-Sized Sheet.

Because of the difficulty experienced in securing its regular supply of white paper, the Evening Banner is compelled to run a small-sized sheet. An express shipment is on the way and it is hoped that it will be possible to use the regular size in a few days.

## MINSTREL ENTERTAINMENT

Neil O'Brien and Great American  
Minstrels Coming.

A form of entertainment which has defied all competition for years is negro minstrelsy and in spite of place in the affections of theatersgoers place in the affections of theatersgoers. None of the minstrel performers of the past or present have held the regard of the public to a greater degree than Neil O'Brien, and the announcement that he and his great American minstrels are coming to the opera house in Bennington, Thursday, August 15, will be received with satisfaction.

Mr. O'Brien has appeared here the past six seasons at the head of his own company and is now firmly established as one of the big minstrel attractions of the country. His show this season is promised as being new from first part to finale feature, with all new costumes, acts and features and his company numbers many of the biggest favorites of the minstrel stage. It includes the following artists: Neil O'Brien, (himself), Vaughn Comfort and John King, Claude West, "Sugarfoot" Gaffney, A. B. Rains, Dixon and Miller, Louis Tracy, William Duran, Major Nowak, Lew Hampton, Jenkin Jones, Les Laird, Martin Dank, James G. Brown, George Milner, Ted Farnum, Grover Schappis, Charles R. Wright, Barton Isbell and Nyle Verne.

From a singing standpoint, the organization is said to be particularly noteworthy, there being no less than twelve soloists of national repute.

## VICTORY FOR BLACK CATS

Pittsfield Gets Small End of 15 to 3  
Score.

Saturday's game, though one-sided, had several interesting features. The Black Cats showed the most "pep" they have displayed this season. Two double plays by them and one by Pittsfield were of the "real article" kind. King was a live wire for the visitors, working hard all the time. He accepted ten chances at short without an error. The umpiring was first class.

## Black Cats

	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Morrissey, rf.	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pellerin, lf.	5	3	2	0	0	0	0
Mahar, 2b.	4	2	2	4	1	1	1
Shaw, ss.	5	2	1	0	1	0	0
Bevis, 3b.	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Moran, 1b.	5	2	2	9	0	0	0
Hurley, p.	4	2	0	1	0	0	0
Kearns, c.	4	1	2	8	2	0	0
Hart, cf.	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	38	15	14	26	6	3	0

\*King out on attempted bunt on third strike.

## Pittsfield.

	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Miller, c.	5	0	0	1	2	2	2
Perault, 1b.	4	0	0	9	0	0	0
Hiser, 3b.	2	0	0	3	0	3	0
Leh, King, ss.	4	1	0	2	8	0	0
C. Horn, 2b.	4	0	0	2	0	1	0
Fasce, lf., p.	2	2	1	3	1	0	0
I. Horn, p., lf.	4	0	0	2	1	0	0
Ramsey, cf.	4	0	2	2	0	0	0
Murray, rf.	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	34	3	5	24	12	6	0

Black Cats 4 2 0 0 6 1 1 0—15

Pittsfield 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0—3

Two base hits, Pellerin, Moran; three base hits, Pellerin, Moran; Kearns; stolen bases, Morrissey, Pellerin, Bevis, Hurley 2, Hart, Hiser 2; struck out by Hurley 8; by J. Horn 1; bases on balls by Hurley 2 by J. Horn 2; by Fasce 1. Umpires, Vetal and Coomer. Time 1 hr. 30 min.

## MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CORPS

Corrected List of Physicians Serving  
On Staff.

Through an oversight certain members of the Henry W. Putnam Memorial hospital staff were omitted in the report handed to The Banner on Tuesday last. The staff, as at present constituted consists of—Dr. W. E. Putnam, chairman; Dr. F. J. Hurley, secretary; Dr. J. P. Marsh, surgeon-in-chief; Doctors Trotter, C. S. Buchanan and F. E. Dean, assistant surgeons; Dr. F. A. Smith, Dr. J. R. Wilson, ophthalmology and otology; Dr. Ramsey, throat and nose; Dr. Maud Arthur, house physician and pathologist; Dr. L. H. Ross and Dr. H. S. Goodall; Dr. D. V. O'Donnell, alternate; Dr. F. S. Braley, dental surgeon; Miss Mary C. Baker, superintendent.

## OFF FOR CAMP DEVENS

Four Registrants Leave Tomorrow  
Morning to Enter Service.

The following four registrants have been called to service and will leave Tuesday morning for Camp Devens: Alfred King, Bennington; Loren McDermott, Arlington; Evi Fairbanks, Arlington; Marvin Berard, Readsboro.

## CASTORIA

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Arrangements are complete for

Odd Fellows annual Field day to be

held at Battlefield Park, August 16.

There will be band concerts, dancing

and field sports. Watch for the pro-

gram in Thursday's Banner.

D. Rousseau and party of friends

motored from Waterbury, Conn., and

spent the week end with Mr. Rous-

seau's family of School street re-

turning this morning.

Hargains in men's second hand

clothing, Miss Selby, 116 Pleasant

St. Adv.

GRAHAM ASKS  
PEOPLE TO AWAIT  
ANOTHER REPORTAdmits Wrong in Manner of  
Handling Salary and Expense

## MAY BE \$20,000 SHORT

No Vouchers to Be Found for Some  
Disbursements While He Was  
State Auditor.

The Banner this morning received the following communication from Governor Graham:

To the People of Vermont:  
Inquiry having been made concerning my conduct of the office when I was auditor of accounts, I feel that I should say something upon this subject. I realize that I did wrong in the manner of handling my salary and official expenses and for this I am extremely sorry.

It has just come to my attention that some of the vouchers, and in two instances the files themselves, have been taken from the office. I have never taken any files or vouchers from the office of the auditor of accounts and I did not know until now that they were missing.

The books in the auditor's office always showed, and do now, just how my salary and expense account stand. I have never made any concealment in that respect, and the books have always been open to the inspection of the proper officials.

I have requested Honorable O. M. Barber of Bennington, a judge of the U. S. Court of Customs Appeals, and my predecessor in the office of auditor of accounts, to make a thorough examination of all books